

# SENATE BILL No. 291

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-6-2-12; IC 35-31.5-2-183.

**Synopsis:** Human trafficking investigations. Provides that "law enforcement agency", for purposes of receiving information concerning a violation of the human trafficking statute, includes the attorney general and an agency whose principal function is the apprehension of criminal offenders. Specifies that the attorney general has the same authority as a law enforcement agency to access and maintain information regarding a violation of the human trafficking statute. Permits the attorney general to assist with the investigation and prosecution of a violation of the human trafficking statute.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-6-2-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 12. (a) The attorney general has the same authority**  
4 **as a law enforcement agency (as defined in IC 35-47-15-2) to:**  
5 **(1) access (as defined in IC 35-43-2-3); and**  
6 **(2) maintain;**  
7 **information regarding a violation of IC 35-42-3.5-1 (human**  
8 **trafficking).**  
9 **(b) The attorney general may assist with the investigation and**  
10 **prosecution of an alleged violation of IC 35-42-3.5-1 (human**  
11 **trafficking). However, the attorney general does not have the**  
12 **power to arrest or criminally prosecute individuals for a violation**  
13 **of IC 35-42-3.5-1.**  
14 SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-183, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
15 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 183. (a) "Law enforcement agency," for**



1 purposes of receiving information concerning a violation of  
2 IC 35-42-3.5-1 (human trafficking), means:  
3 (1) an agency or department of:  
4 (A) the state; or  
5 (B) a political subdivision of the state;  
6 whose principal function is the apprehension of criminal  
7 offenders; and  
8 (2) the attorney general.  
9 (b) "Law enforcement agency", for purposes of IC 35-47-15, has the  
10 meaning set forth in IC 35-47-15-2.

